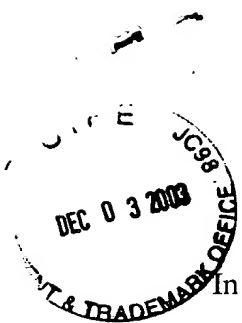


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Submitted herewith please find 2 sheets of drawings in compliance with
37 C.F.R. § 1.84. The Examiner is respectfully requested to acknowledge receipt of these
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The submitted drawings are believed to obviate the informalities indicated on Form
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